

REMARKS

I. Present Status of Patent Application

Claims 1, 3-6, 25, 26, 28-30 and 39-41 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being “anticipated by Singh, U.S. Patent No. 6,259,931.”

Claims 2, 7-24, 27, 31, 32 and 34-37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being “unpatentable over Singh in view of Smith et al, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0047263.”

Claims 33 and 38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being “unpatentable over Singh combined with Smith in further view of Hunt et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,094,476.”

II. Examiner Interview

On August 25, 2004, an Examiner Interview was conducted between the attorney of record, Sam Han (Reg. No. 51,771), and Examiner Anwah. Applicants thank Examiner Anwah for taking time from his schedule to discuss the pending application.

During that interview, an agreement was reached between the Applicants' attorney and Examiner Anwah, in which the Examiner recommended specific amendments to the claims, which would render the rejections moot. The claims have been amended in accordance with Examiner Anwah's recommendations.

Again, Applicants thank Examiner Anwah for such careful review of the pending application, and also for his insights with reference to the cited references.

III. Discussion of Rejections

In accordance with the Examiner Interview, Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the rejections. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been traversed. In addition, any statements in the Office Action that are not explicitly addressed herein are not intended to be admitted.

IV. References Made of Record

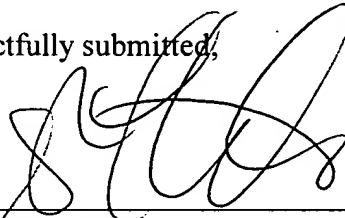
The references made of record have been considered, but are not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all claims are now in proper condition for allowance, and respectfully request that the Examiner pass this case to issuance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

If there is any deficiency in this fee, or if and additional fees are required, you are hereby authorized to charge any and all such fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

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